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REMARKS

The allowance of claims 7, 9, 13, 19, and 20 is noted.

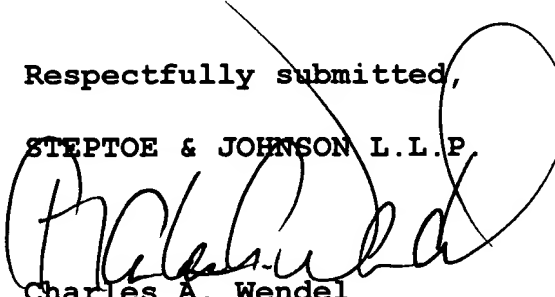
The non-elected claims have been canceled and will be presented in a divisional application.

The comment in the last paragraph on page 5 of the Office Action is noted. It is stated that the claims are drawn to "the same invention claimed in the earlier application." A Request for Continued Examination was filed, meaning that the claims are in the same case; however, in a sincere effort to advance prosecution, the above-discussed action has been taken.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned should anything further be required in the case prior to formal allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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